

How can I understand Ezekiel 37:1-14?

This passage is the parable of the Dry Bones and it has direct applicability to being a Christian.

1. Why are dry bones used in the parable?

Ezekiel **37:1-3**

Ephesians **2:11-12**

Ezekiel **37:11**

John **6:53**

The dry bones in the parable is a picture of the natural state of man. By nature every human being is spiritually dead and they are incapable of having actual life. It represents the actual hopelessness of man apart from the divine presence of God in their lives and the actuality of faith in Christ.

2. Why does God have Ezekiel prophesy to the bones?

Ezekiel **37:4-8**

Romans **10:13-17**

Acts **20:27**

Ezekiel **37:12-13**

Ephesians 2:1-6

1 Thessalonians **1:5**

God has Ezekiel prophesy to the dry bones because God works His saving grace through those He sends to bring forth the Word of God. It is through God's prophets (preachers) that people here God's Word and through hearing God's Word that God will bring about salvation through saving grace.

3. Why does God have Ezekiel separately prophesy to the winds for life?

Ezekiel **37:9-10**

John **16:7-11**

1 Peter **3:18**

Ezekiel **37:14**

1 Corinthians **2:12-13**

2 Timothy **3:2-7**

It is the Holy Spirit of God that works in mankind to convict of sin and condemnation in order that they might turn to Christ for salvation and life. Apart from the workings of the Holy Spirit of God in the life of an individual there will be no salvation. We may receive preaching and receive some sort of strength from the preaching, but unless we have the Spirit of God delivered by God, there will never be life.

4. How should we as Christians respond to the message of the dry bones?

2 Timothy **4:2-4**

2 Peter **3:16-18**

1 Peter **3:15**

2 Timothy **2:15-16**

From Ezekiel's message about the dry bones, as Christians we should be ready and prepared to testify of Jesus Christ to those around us. We have been called by Jesus to proclaim the Word of God so that by hearing the Word of God, others might receive the Holy Spirit of God and receive the gift of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. We can proclaim Christ and answer people's questions but leave the reality of salvation to the Lord.